

FRMAC Quarterly Conference Call  
Wednesday, April 18, 2001

**Participants on the call:**

Alabama	North Carolina
Arizona, (CRCPD)	South Carolina
California	Vermont
Florida	Wisconsin
Georgia	Dept. of Agriculture
Illinois	NNSA/NV
Louisiana	NOAA
Mississippi	RAP, Reg. 2
New Hampshire	RAP, Reg. 6
New Jersey	DoD

NNSA/NV announced that the next quarterly call was scheduled for July 11, 2001.

A NNSA Emergency Management Division intern is working on the FRMAC Web Page. The priority is to have the new forms (annotated with dates) posted to the Web Page. The Working Group Charters as well as recent Minutes from working groups will be posted. As soon as the forms are on the Web Page, an email will be sent to announce it.

BN reviewed the status of the three-volume Monitoring and Sampling Manual. They said working group comments are being incorporated and the final draft will go to NNSA for approval following the next working group meeting scheduled in May 2001.

In answer to a question from California, NNSA/NV said the new Analysis Working Group will focus on sample database and laboratory analysis issues. A separate Analysis Manual will be developed. CRCPD has participated in the group via tele-conference.

A few adjustments were made to the FRMAC Health and Safety Manual and it is anticipated that NNSA/HQ will sign the document. In addition to a hard copy distribution, the manual will be posted on the Web Site. Once the manual is posted on the Web Page, an email will be sent to announce it.

BN is working with Savannah River Site on revisions to the Assessment Manual. The writing and review process is on schedule. The final manual is due to NNSA/NV in the first quarter (March) of 2002.

A three-year plan for NNSA Consequence Management assets is being coordinated to describe the steps needed to integrate NNSA assets. This three-year plan has a deadline of June in order to be implemented in FY02.

NNSA/NV participated in an outreach in Ohio in February and will attend the Table Top Exercise May 23.

The DoD Joint Task Force for Civil Support and the State of Utah participated in a pre-Olympics exercise in Salt Lake City recently. A consequence management planning team (CMPT) participated from Nevada and worked well with the consequence management cell in Salt Lake City. It was suggested that additional ingestion pathway training be conducted with the State of Utah. USDA was interested in contributing to any radiological training that might be offered. **NNSA/NV will look into the possibilities.**

Washington State will be hosting a field training competition with NNSA RAP personnel April 23-26 in Richland, Washington.

NNSA/NV stated that NNSA RAP Region 5 will participate in the DC Cook Ingestion Pathway Exercise (IPX) scheduled for July 10 in Bridgeman, Michigan.

Dept. of Agriculture asked if there would be any Federal players in the DC Cook IPX. FEMA said that they were not exercising the plume phase, but she will verify and call Dept. of Agriculture to confirm. Indiana may have requested some support, but she thought the Regional RAP was participating as an observer only. [NNSA RAP Region 5 will only be observing this exercise.]

NNSA will participate in the Clinton Ingestion Pathway Exercise scheduled for August 28 and 29 in Clinton, Illinois.

CRCPD asked if NNSA/NV was participating in the May 16 exercise between the FBI/NRC/SRT. If so, CRCPD asked if NNSA was aware of the request by the FBI for 160 dosimeters? NNSA/NV would look into their involvement and the requirement for dosimetry. [The Search Response Team (SRT) will be the only NNSA participants at this exercise.]

FDA inquired about Dingo Dawn II scheduled for December 2001. A NNSA planner for the exercise said that NNSA was going to participate on Day 2 of the Table Top.

Illinois asked if there were any changes in the upcoming Clinton IPX. NNSA/NV said there were no consequence management changes that they were aware of. NNSA/NV will send Illinois an email with a final number of NNSA participants.

Alabama inquired about the reduction in ARAC support for flyovers over the next 5 years. NNSA/NV said that NNSA/HQ wants to reduce DOE aircraft, not equipment. NNSA/HQ would like to see other platforms (DoD aircraft or subcontractors) utilized to carry the radiation tracking equipment. Moving a reduced number of DOE aircraft based at Andrews AFB to the Remote Sensing Lab at Nellis AFB is being considered.

Dept. of Agriculture asked if the FRMAC Leadership Symposium was going to be rescheduled. The course is undergoing modifications. NNSA/HQ would like the course redesigned: one version focused to upper management and one for the technical people in the field.

### **Population Monitoring**

The Director of Emergency Management at NNSA/HQ hosted an interagency meeting in February. The interagency group intends to meet quarterly in the next year. At this initial meeting, the Director committed that NNSA would provide the population monitoring support. The additional NNSA assets would be available to supplement other state and Federal assets for extended and expanded public monitoring. A White Paper will be written to define NNSA parameters for dealing with public contamination, if called upon.

Several conference call participants expressed their interest in the subject of public monitoring. An exchange of points came from Illinois, New Hampshire, NRC, Louisiana, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Arizona. Capability exists in states with nuclear power plants to provide public monitoring for the first 12 hours of an event. Louisiana suggested that the CRCPD may be able to help in pulling together information on what portable monitoring resources are available in each state.

Later in the day, NNSA/NV sent the following email explaining what was discussed at the Interagency meeting concerning portable monitors.

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For clarification purposes the population monitoring and decontamination issues came up at an inter-agency meeting where reps from each of the 17 signatories - minus DOS - were present. This issue was used as an example of something that needed to be clarified in federal guidance as to who has “federal” responsibility to provide this resource if requested by a state.

NNSA/HQ committed to provide the resource without any reservations being expressed by the other participants. There is no inference that the federal community would provide this unless requested by a state.

Following that meeting “I” tasked a group to look at what this meant in terms of resources within NNSA. This will scope funding requirements for HQ. Additionally, these resources will not be FRMAC assets, but rather, NNSA assets supporting FRMAC or any other CM response.

In closing, this was not done by DOE unilaterally, but rather as a combined effort with all federal agencies in attendance. Initial discussions on what the resources will look like are being coordinated with representatives of the CRCPD. If there are any questions or comments please feel free to call NNSA/NV.

I also suggest that if this is still a perplexing issue or if there are additional questions on the direction of NNSA lets schedule an additional conference call in the near future. Please

contact NNSA/NV with date preferences.

Team Lead, Consequence Management Programs”

The next FRMAC conference call is scheduled for July 11, 11:00 EDT.